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To the Chairman and Members of the Sherburn Rural
District Council.

gentlemen.

yearly report, and am happy to say that in many respects it is much more favourable than last year's report. In making out the tables at the end I have again treated the district as a whole.

POPULATION.

In estimating the population to the middle of the year,

I have, as usual, assumed the rate of exodus to be constant.

This between 1691 and 1901 averaged 10 per annum. The number estimated population for 1907 was 2219. The number of births in 1908 was 60 and the number of deaths 25, giving a natural increase of 35. Taking the rural exodus into consideration we get a net increase of 25. I therefore estimate the number of persons in the district during 1908 to be 2244.

BIRTH-RATE.

The number of births registered in the District during 1908 was 60. Of this number 35 were males and 25 females. This gives an anual birth rate of 26. 7. In 1907 this rate only reached 20:2, so that last year we have had a satisfactory increase of 6,5 in the birth-rate.

Birth-rates per 1000 living.

| England & Wales. | •• | • • | 26.5 per | 1000. |
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| Rural England & Wales . | • | • • | 26.2 | do. |
| Sherburm District. | •• | | 26.7 | do. |

From the table we see that the rate in your District is slightly in advance of the average for both England & Wales

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generally and for Rural pistricts of those countries. Of the 60 births registered 6 were illegitimate, giving a rate of a 100 per 1000 born. This is also a great improvement as you will see from the table below.

| | Illegitimate Births. | Rate per 1000 born. |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1906. | 13. | 18 6. |
| 1967. | 7. | I55. |
| 1908. | 6. | 100. |

MORTALITY.

All the deaths during I908 occurred in the District, no notice of any death having come in from either the East Riding Asylum the Scarborough Union Workhouse or the Scarborough Hospital. The total number of deaths last year was 25. This gives an anual death rate for the whole District of II.I. Last year the number of deaths was 33 and the rate was I4.6, so here we also seegreat improvement. The average for the last? years was II.9. The death rate our District during the year just passed was considerably less than that of any other part of England & Wales as a whole, as a glance at the appended table shews.

rate per I000 living.

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| 76 great towns. | 14.9 |
| I42 smaller towns. | T4.0 |
| Rural England & Wales. | 14.7 |
| Sherburm District. | II.I |

The detailed causes of death will be found in table IV attached to this report, but I may draw your attention to the somewhat remarkable fact that for 3 years in succession the number of deaths from Phthisis and Bancer has been identical,

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namely:- I from Phthisis and 3from Cancer. I give now a table shewing the number of deaths from the more important diseases with their rates per I000 living im I907 and I908.

Annual rates per I000 living.

| Disease | 1906. | No. of heaths. | 1908. | Rate. 1907. |
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| Phthisis. | I. | I. | *44 | •45. |
| Bronchitis | 3. | 4. | 1.33. | I8 |
| Pneumonia. | - | - | - | - |
| Cancer. | 3. | 3. | I.33. | I.35 |
| Heart dise | ease. I | 2 | . 44 | .9 |

It is worth notice that during the year no death has occurred from Pneumonia and only I from heart disease.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of deathsof infants under Iyear of age during 1908 was 7, giving a death rate of II6.6 per 1000 born.

This is a very great improvement on 1907 when the rate was 155.5 we compare favourably in this with the country at large but not with the rest of Rural England.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

I regret that my report in this section is not as favourable as Ist year. There have been 3 deaths from Infectious

Disease during the year, viz:- Whooping Cough 2 Diphtheria

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age, whooping cough was epidemic at ganton during the Summer and the day Schools there had to be closed. There was a slight outbreak of Scarlet Fever during December, 4 cases being notified. The day School at Folkton had to be closed owing to this outbreak as one of the cases occurred in the house of the headmaster. the following is a complete list of cases of infectious disease notified during the year:-

Diptheria I. I death.

Enteric Fever. I. no death.

Scarlet Fever. 4. no death.

Puerperal Fever. I. no death.

Erysipelas. I. no death.

The death rate from the 7 chief epidemic diseases on the Registrar General's list was I.3 per I000 living.

WATER SUPPLY.

No scarcity of water has been complained of in the past year. The supply has been abundant and with the exception of that at Muston, good. The water from the 3 wells in that village has been bacteriologically examined and in each case condemnd. I think the question of a fresh supply of pure water for Muston has become imperative and I feel confident that the good sense of the Council will lead it to determine that a sufficient and satisfactory water supply shall be provided for that village. I thank the Council for the ready and courteous way in which they have acceded to my requests for bacteriological examinations of various waters.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, ETC.

The drainage of the District appears to be in a fairly satisfactory condition. New drains have been made and old ones re-laid, and various nuisances suppressed. Owing to the

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occurrance of a case of Anthrax in the Sherburn cow-pastures

it has been decided to carry the outfall of the main sewer

in that village to a point in the stream beyond those pastures. I regret to say that there are many causes of overcrowding in the district especially in Sherburn. The point is
a difficult one as there is not a house to let in the village
I wish the influence of the council could be brought to bear
on the groundlandlords, to induce them to put up some decent
cottages for the convenience of the labourers on their
estates.

CONSHEDS & DARIES.

In company of the Sanitary Inspector I examined most of the cowsheds in the District. Some of them were clean, sweet, and in every way well kept, but the majority of them were far from satisfactory. Some were characterised by an entire absence of sanitary arrangements, being dark, hot, ill-drained and ill-ventilated. I would respectfully urge the council to demand a higher degree of efficiency and clean-liness in dairy keepers and if necessary to adopt regulations in order the better to compel their attention to these things.

WORK-SHOPS, ETC.

These which are very few in number appear to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector and the tables of Vital Statistics are attached to this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(SD) HAROLD T. HOLLINGS.

Roseville.

Sherburn.

Feb. 17th 1909.

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